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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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February 4, 2003  
**Letter of Deficiency**  
DSP #03-009

Mr. John Lebrun  
City of Nashua  
229 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03061

RE: McLaughlin Det. Pond Dam #165.36, Nashua

Dear Mr. Lebrun

The Department of Environmental Services, Dam Bureau (DES) consistently strives to enhance the safety of dams in New Hampshire through its dam safety program. One of the many instruments that play a part in reaching this goal is our inspection program. DES is forwarding this correspondence to you to advise you that in accordance with RSA 482:12 and Env-Wr 502.02, an inspection of the subject dam was conducted on October 10, 1992. During this visual inspection and/or file review, the following deficiencies were observed:

The impoundment, dam crest, and downstream slope are completely overgrown with trees and brush; and

2. There is no operation and maintenance plan (O&M) on file with the DES.

DES believes that the above deficiencies can be corrected by performing the following items by the indicated schedule:

**May 1, 2003:**

1. Clear all trees from the impoundment, dam crest, and downstream slope. Trees should be cleared to a distance of 15 feet from the earth abutments as well as from the toe of the embankment; and
2. Prepare and submit to the DES a written O&M plan. The plan should describe the control of impoundment levels, monitoring and maintenance procedures, and identify emergency contact personnel. Refer to the enclosed guidelines.

DES is requesting that you complete and submit the attached "Intent to Complete Repairs" form, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, that will provide for correction of the identified deficiencies by the date(s) indicated above. If you believe changes to the items of work or dates are necessary, please make the changes directly on the form and provide a brief explanation. We have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope for you to return this form.

Our intent in sending you this correspondence is to make you aware of items that DES believes warrant your attention to insure the continued safe operation of your dam. It is our hope that, through the submittal of the attached form and a commitment to keeping a well-maintained dam, you will voluntarily comply with the requested items of work. If we do not receive the intent form or a similarly adequate written reply, we will assume that you are in agreement with our findings and recommendations and DES will carry out follow-up inspections accordingly.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this Letter of Deficiency or would like to be present at future inspections, please contact me at 271-3406, or write to the Water Division at the address listed on the top of the previous page.

Sincerely,

  
**COPY**  
Jeffrey M. Blaney  
Dam Safety Engineer

Attachments Guideline for an O&M plan, DB8, DB13

cc: Gretchen Rule✓

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